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C O N F I D E N T I A L UDORN 12

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TH, US

SUBJECT: STRIKE AT AIR AMERICA AND OTHER DISTURBANCES

PLEASE PASS PEACE CORPS

REF: UDORN 9

1. SUMMARY: THAI EMPLOYEES AT AIR AMERICA LAUNCHED STRIKE JANUARY 14 TO SEEK HIGHER WAGES AND MORE FRINGE BENEFITS. AIR AMERICA SCHOOL CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. ABOUT 250 WORKERS DEMONSTRATED WITH SIGNS WHICH READ "AMERICANS AND CIA GO HOME." AND STOPPED AA BUSES TO FORCE WILLING AND UNWILLING AA EMPLOYEES TO GET OFF. THOUGH WORKER PROTESTS CONTINUE, AA OPERATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN INTERRUPTED. PLANEL DISCUSSIONS AT UDORN TEACHERS  
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COLLEGE JANUARY 12, WHICH INCLUDED THREE CONSTITUTION THIRTEEN

ARRESTEES ASSERTED THAT THAILAND AS WELL AS ALL OF SOUTHEAST ASIA IS TARGET FOR CIA OPERATIONS. PANELISTS SUGGESTED AMERICAN GIS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THAILAND BASES DESPITE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES TO THAILAND.

2. STUDENTS BOYCOTTED CLASSES AT UTC JANUARY 14 AND STAGED DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE CONSULATE (REPORTED SEPTTEL). DISTRICT POLICE CHIEF WARNED OF POSSIBLE VIOLENCE AGAINST AMERICANS IN TOWN WHICH WE PASSED TO BASE AND AMASUN. USAF RESTRICTED PERSONNEL TO BASE OAT 1300 AS DID RAMASUN COMMANDER DURING AFTERNOON. END SUMMARY.

3. STRIKE BEGAN AT AIR AMERICA (AA) MORNING JANUARY 14 TO DRAMATIZE NEED FOR HIGHER WAGES AND INCREASED PRINCE BENEFITS. ABOUT 250 WORKERS ASSEMBLED ALONG HIGHWAY TO AIR AMERICA CARRYING SIGNS WHICH READ "AMERICANS, CIA GO HOME." WORKERS STOPPED AIR AMERICA BUSES AND PULLED OFF THAI AND NON-THAI EMPLOYEES IN HOPES THEY WILL JOIN STRIKE AND CRIPPLE AA OPERATIONS.

4. WORKER-DEMONSTRATIONS FIRST LOCATED IN FRONT OF UDORN TEACHERS' COLLEGE (UTC) AT 700 HOURS, BUT LATER MARCHED TO PROVINCIAL OFFICE WITH PLANS TO DEMONSTRATE AT AIR AMERICA LATER TODAY AND PLACE WREATH AT AA GATE.

5. MEANWHILE, ACCORDING TO MANAGEMENT, SINCE AMERICANS BEING USED IN SOME MAINTENANCE SLOTS VACATED BY STRIKING THAI EMPLOYEES, AIR AMERICA OPERATIONS NOT DISRUPTED.

6. STUDENTS JANUARY 14 BOYCOTTED CLASSES AT UTC. INSTEAD THEY GATHERED AT UTC AUDITORIUM TO LISTEN TO ANTI-U.S. AND ANTI-CIA SPEECHES. SEVERAL OF THE SPEAKERS ARE FORMER JLD (CIA OPERATIONS, LAOS) EMPLOYEES WHO ARE THAI NATIONALS.

7. CITY POLICE CHIEF SOMKIAT PHUANGSAP DURING VISIT TO CONSULATE JANUARY 14 ALERTED US THAT STUDENTS PLANNED TO DEMONSTRATE IN FRONT OF THE CONSULATE. DEMONSTRATORS LAID WREATH ATTACKING CIA AT CONSULATE GATE (REPORTED SEPTTEL).

8. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER AT UTC JANUARY 13 TOLD CON OFF VOLUNTEERS HAD HEARD AND COUNTERED STUDENT ACCUSATIONS THAT THEY ARE CIA CONFIDENTIAL

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AGENTS. (SEE REFTTEL). SO FAR NO UNPLEASANT OR IMPROPER CONDUCT TOWARD THEM. PCVS, HOWEVER, SAID THEY WOULD BE COMPROMISED IF SEEN BY ANY STUDENTS TALKING TO OR VISITING CON OFF.

9. UTC STUDENTS WHO ORIGINALLY PLANNED THIS AFTERNOON TO LAY WREATH PROTESTING AGAINST CIA AT USAF TENANTED BASE REPORTEDLY DISBERSED INSTEAD AFTER MEETING PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR. GOVERNOR SPOKE TO THEM AFTER THEY LEFT CONSULATE (UDORN 13). GOVERNOR

SAID HE WOULD PASS ON TO BANGKOK FIRST FIVE OF SIX DEMANDS THEY PRESENTED HIM, AS WELL AS CONSULATE, AND WOULD DISCUSS SIXTH DEMAND (ON RESTRICTING U.S. MILITARY ACCESS INTO TOWN) WITH U.S. MILITARY COMMANDERS AND CONSULATE. BROH-KAHN. GDS.

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